

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT : HOME DEPARTMENT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR: MANIPUR
Imphal, the 16th March, 2019

No.1/1(3)/2008-H: Whereas, Director General of Police, Manipur vide letter No.IC/11(163)/2008-PHQ(P1) dated 16-03-2019 has reported that the situation at Chasad village of Kamjong District has become worsened and deteriorated during the last couple of days in the aftermath of the incident at Chasad involving two communities.

2. Whereas, the unfortunate incidents have been used by anti-social elements to vitiate the atmosphere further by using social media such as WhatsApp and Facebook, Instagram extensively for transmission of hate video messages and images to incite the public. The social media has also become handy tool for rumour mongers and is being used extensively to incite the general public. Unless the use of internet/mobile data is curbed temporarily, there is likelihood of serious repercussions in the law and order and the possibilities of communal violence in the State.

3. Whereas, there is an imminent danger of loss of life and /or damage to public/ private property, and wide spread disturbances to public tranquility as a result of inflammatory material and false rumours, which are being/could be transmitted/ circulated to the public through social media/ messaging services on mobile internet services, SMS services and dongle services.

4. And whereas, to thwart the design and activities of anti-national and anti-social Elements and to maintain peace and to prevent any loss of life or danger to public/private property, it has become necessary to take adequate measures to maintain law and order in public interest, by stopping the spread of disinformation and false rumours through various social media platform such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram etc. on mobile phone for facilitating and/or mobilization of mobs of agitators and demonstrators which can cause loss of life and/or damage to public/private property by indulging in arson/ vandalism and other types of violent activities.

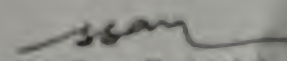
5. Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 2 of Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017 having satisfied that the above situation is likely to cause serious disturbances and maintenance of public order, do hereby order suspension of all Mobile Internet/Data Services in the territorial jurisdiction of State of Manipur. All Mobile Service providers are hereby directed to ensure compliance of this order.

6. This order is issued to prevent any disturbances of peace and public order in the jurisdiction of State of Manipur and shall be in force for the next 3(three) days and with immediate effect from the time this suspension order becomes operational.

7. The order is being passed ex-parte in view of the emergent situation. It shall be published for the information of public through press and electronic media.

8. Any person found guilty for violation of aforesaid orders will be liable for legal action.

By orders & in the name of the
Governor,


(H. Gyan Prakash)
Special Secretary (Home),
Govt. of Manipur